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NOTE TO: Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM : Robert M. Gates  
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SUBJECT: NSC on Poland

We are told that today's discussion at the NSC will be a continuation of last Friday's meeting. The background materials on contingency measures in your briefing book for the 6 February meeting are still relevant. Should you be asked or wish to comment on developments in Poland since Friday, the talking points attached supplement today's publications.

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TALKING POINTSPolitical Situation

-- The Polish party has moved a step closer to the possible use of force.

- Nomination of Jaruzelski as Prime Minister raises threat more clearly, and, if Solidarity continues to call strikes, government obliged to make good on threat.

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- Party leadership probably still considers martial law a last resort gamble. If purpose is to arrest dissidents or militant union leaders, great risk of confrontation and widespread violence. Would be less risky if used to end strikes.

-- Solidarity seems prepared for lull in strike activity but will continue pressing demands.

- No major labor unrest in the country at the moment.
- Walesa said there will be no strikes to press farmers' demand for a union.
- Union will come back to strike weapon if grievances go unsatisfied.

-- More active public role of Church may help ensure calm.

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT  
THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT  
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Council Meeting (U)

The President will chair an NSC Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, at noon. Principals only will attend. The NSC will continue the review of US policy toward the Caribbean Basin and the situation in Poland. (S)



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